are excessively using urea and this imbalanced use of urea is affecting the soil which will ultimately effect the production ; and

(d) if so, what steps Government are taking for the imbalanced use of chemical fertilisers ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) and (b) Some shortage of Dia Ammonium Phosphate was experienced in certain packets of Punjab in the 1st fortnight of November, 1993 due to constraints in the availability of Railway rakes to the suppliers for the movement of Dia Ammonium Phosphate from the ports and the manufacturing units.

Immediate steps were taken for priority allotment of rakes for movement of Dia Ammonium Phosphate to Punjab. Consequently the supply position improved considerably and against the targeted supply of 3.20 lakh tonnes of Dia Ammonium Phosphate till the end of Nov., 93, the availability till the 23rd November, 1993 was 2.80 lakh tonnes. Efforts are being made to maintain Dia Ammonium Phosphate supplies to the State.

(c) and (d) According to the Government of Punjab, the farmers in the State are not making excessive use of Urea in place of Dia Ammonium Phosphate. However, there has been a fall in the consumption of phosphatic and potassic fertilisers at the national level following decontrol. The measures taken to promote balanced use of fertilisers include the following :—

(i) Increase in he procurement prices of foodgrains.

(ii) Special concession on the sale of Single Super Phosphate, Muriate of Potash, Indigenous Dia Ammonium Phosphate and Complex fertilisers.

(iii) Reliefs designed to lower the cost of production and movement of decontrolled fertilisers.

(iv) Extension efforts to promote balanced fertiliser use.

US banon fertilizer plants technology

18. SHRI N. GIRI PRASAD :
SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the US has banned export of fertilizer plants technology by US companies to India on grounds of nuclear proliferation ;

(b) if so, the details in this regard and Government's reaction thereto ; and

(c) what steps are proposed to be taken to do without imported fertiliser technologies ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) and (b) no Sir, however, it has been brought to the notice of the Government that US companies require an export license from their government for export of technology to manufacture ammonia to India.

(c) Energy efficient technologies are available from other sources. While ammonia technologies are not available indigenously, technology for the manufacture of phosphatic fertilizers like DAP and DAP-based complexes are available indigenously.

Carring of Spare Fuel in IAC Planes

19. SHRI G. G. SWELL : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether Air Bus A-300 flying from Madras to Hyderabad on November 15, 1993 could not land at Hyderabad and while turning back ran short of fuel and force landed on a paddy field, fortunately without any loss of life ;

(b) what is the flying time for Air Bus-300 from Madras to Hyderabad ;